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Office of Advancement appoints interim

Melissa Pilipow
News Editor

Longtime PUC employee and alumna, Regina Biddings-Muro is beginning her third month as interim vice chancellor of advancement after Daniel Hendricks vacated the position in July.

Since June 2004, Biddings-Muro has served as executive assistant to the chancellor for engagement. Prior to employment at PUC, Biddings-Muro earned both her Bachelor of Arts in 1985 and Master of Arts in 1996 from the PUC Department of Communication and Creative Arts. Over the years, she has developed an unmistakable fondness for her colleagues.

"Many of the faculty there – and in other departments – are like family to me since we have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship for many years," Biddings-Muro said.

While filling in as an interim vice chancellor in PUC's senior leadership is a sizeable commitment, Biddings-Muro has embraced the opportunity.

"I am delighted to serve my own university in this capacity," Biddings-Muro said, acknowledging the responsibility associated with the position.

One of many goals of the Office of Advancement is fundraising, which is achieved through raising awareness about PUC.

"We are responsible for building relationships that lead to philanthropy to the university. That includes scholarships to assist students in paying their tuition and other donations that may be used to improve the university," Biddings-Muro said.

Though only a few months into her duties as interim vice chancellor, Biddings-Muro is currently engaged in a major fundraising campaign for the Office of Advancement. The project, a partnership with the city of Hammond and the Hammond Parks Department, consists of developing a multipurpose athletic complex in Dowling Park. Biddings-Muro said PUC is responsible for contributing nearly $1.3 million in funds to develop facilities that will house PUC's baseball, softball, soccer and tennis programs.

Biddings-Muro said another purpose of the Office of Advancement is to maintain the PUC website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Additionally, the department is responsible for providing support to operate the Peregrine Shuttle and information desk in the Student Union & Library Building.

Although the Office of Advancement spends a significant amount of time nurturing relations with community leaders and organizations, the department also assists students. Biddings-Muro said the Office of Advancement has the ability to provide many opportunities for students and alumni.

"We will work closely with Student Affairs to find new ways to involve students in activities and projects that are meaningful to them that will keep their relationship to the university strong while they are enrolled and after graduation," Biddings-Muro said.

Any position with a heavy workload and an expansive amount of responsibility presents its own spectrum of challenges. Biddings-Muro said finding enough time to do everything is a challenge as she becomes more involved.

"I wish I could find 36 hours in a day," Biddings-Muro said, explaining her desire to thank each contributor to the university in a meaningful way.

The assignment of Biddings-Muro to the interim vice chancellor position comes a year after Sarah Howard was appointed to the position of interim vice chancellor of student affairs. Chancel-

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Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement, Regina Biddings-Muro

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Smooth moves change opinions

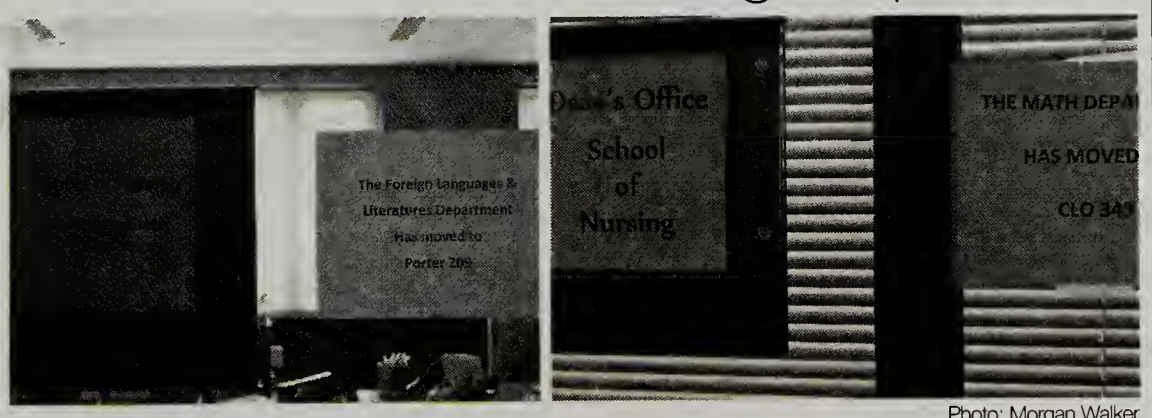

Photo: Morgan Walker

Many buildings on campus are experiencing office relocations which started this summer and still going on, such as the Dean of Nursing office into the Classroom Office Building.

Andrea Drac
Staff Writer

Just as PUC students must adjust to new classrooms at the beginning of every school year, professors must also adapt to different office locations due to moves that took place over the summer.

Academic Facilities Director Michelle Grant said approximately 200 faculty and staff offices were relocated during the moves this summer.

"Due to growth on campus, several of the academic departments had become decentralized with office assignments scattered between buildings. Some of our programs and schools had faculty working in up to three separate buildings," Grant said. "The moves located faculty together by assigning adjacent office locations within their departments."

Grant said PUC is dealing with a shortage in office space.

"Historically, academic units were using different criteria for the allocation of office space," Grant said. "This new plan allowed us to ensure that all tenure & tenure track faculty were assigned a private office and allowed the university to implement standards for the allocations of office space that were consistent for all units."

According to Grant, another reason for the move was the deterioration of the Gyte Annex building, which she said is difficult for PUC to maintain. Grant said the moves allowed 37 faculty and staff members to be relocated out of the Gyte Annex.

One of the moves that took place was the relocation of the department of foreign languages and literatures from the third floor of the Classroom Office Building to the second floor of Gene Stratton Porter Hall. Several faculty members, including French Professor Jin Lu, have changed their

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Personality profile: LaJenné Alcantar

Jessica Gerlich
Editor-in-Chief

When LaJenné Alcantar started preschool, she made a deal with the teacher. Because she hated naps, she would lie down until the other students fell asleep and then help the teacher with different tasks. Later, in kindergarten at a Christian school, the teacher was talking to the class about the Sabbath as the day of rest, and Alcantar asked, "If the Sabbath is for rest then how come I have to get up for church in the morning?" Alcantar was a difficult, yet extremely inquisitive child. She was always asking questions.

She is still asking questions. That inquisitive quality has helped her into the position she is today.

Alcantar grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago, in Harvey and Riverdale, and then later in Chicago Heights. Although she did not grow up in "the best" neighborhood, she said she is grateful because it helped shape the way she views things.

"I was still in a sense privileged because I didn't have to live in the Ida B. Wells vertical housing project, but I'm happy I grew up in that because it let me know what the real world is," Alcantar said.

Alcantar was introduced to Langston Hughes and Bob Marley at a very young age by her mother. Her house was filled with African American history. In high school, she considered herself a scholar on the Black Panther party because she researched the party so much.

Since a bout of stagefright shut down her childhood dream of becoming a singer, Alcantar's goal is to be a tenured professor at a university well-acclaimed for its history program, such as Northwestern University or the University of Chicago. She knows it will take work, but she's confident that she will make it.

Alcantar attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., for a year until the stock market crash of 2008, when her scholarships fell through and she had to pay out of pocket just to get her transcripts to transfer to PUC, where she

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ADMINISTRATIVE update

Back to School Weekend

The third annual Back to School Weekend, hosted by Purdue Calumet's Office of Alumni Relations and Purdue Alumni Calumet, is set for Sept. 20-22. Everyone is invited to come to campus for three days of activities that recognize alumni achievement, celebrate life-long learning and showcase Purdue Calumet programs. Events include:

ALUMNI LEADERS DAY

Thursday, Sept. 20 • 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Alumni Hall

What do an international political advisor, a hospital emergency room medical director and the president of one of the top 20 largest electrical contractors in the nation have in common? They are all Purdue Calumet alumni who will be honored during Alumni Leaders Day.

Twenty-two alumni—one from each Purdue Calumet academic department—will be recognized for career success and accomplishments. You are invited to take part in the open forum and ask the honorees questions, as well as meet and mingle with them afterward during a networking reception. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY UNIVERSITY

Friday, Sept. 21 & 28

Without homework and tests, Friday University enables you to experience intellectual nourishment by attending on campus non-*credit, enrichment courses focusing on topical and interesting subject matter designed for adult learners.*

Each 2 hour course is taught by Purdue Calumet faculty members. The registration fee is $50 for one Friday and $90 for both Fridays. Discounts are available for Purdue Alumni Calumet (PAC) members. To become a PAC member, visit www.purduecal.edu/alumni and click on the "Become a Member" tab.

BACK TO SCHOOL SATURDAY

Saturday, Sept. 22 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Alumni and friends are invited to campus for a day of fun-filled, family friendly activities.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Entertainment by vocalist and Purdue Calumet alumna Nicole Jamrose; a picnic lunch will be provided.
- Athletics and Intramural Tournaments: Organized dodgeball, volleyball and rock-paper-scissor tournaments for the whole family. Children's activities and arts & crafts.
- Scavenger Hunt with open houses of our academic schools. And a chance to win prizes!

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

- Athletic reunion reception – all prior Purdue Calumet athletes are welcome to the Fitness Center for refreshments.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- Art exhibit & dessert! Alumni, students, faculty and staff are invited to bring and exhibit a piece of artwork in the SUL concourse. All media welcome.

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Alumni Reunions (by invitation) for classes of 2007, 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972, 1967 and 1962. Purdue Calumet Chancellor Thomas L. Keon and his wife, Nancy, invite you and your guests to their home, just two blocks from campus.

For details on the schedule and to register for all events, visit **purduecal.edu/back-to-school**. For questions, phone **(219) 989-2915** or email **events@purduecal.edu**.

What's Going On?
A look around PUC...

Writing Center presents an interactive Microsoft Word workshop

The Word (2007 or 2010) to format and store an academic paper. PUC students, staff, faculty and community members in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 85 minutes.
For more information, or to RSVP, call the Writing Center at (219) 989-2200. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to make reservations early.

PUGG invites new ideas and potential members to a call-out meeting

Purdue University Gamers' Guild will host a call-out meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, from 6-7:30 p.m. in SUL 307. PUGG members are welcome to come with suggestions for future events, and those interested in joining PUGG can receive more organization. The meeting will be followed immediately by "Cards, Etc.," the weekly card and board game night. For more information, contact PUGG's Executive Board at *pucPUGG@gmail.com*.

Celebrating 60 years of PUC Intramurals

In 1952, PUC Intramurals started with basketball being played outside on an old rim attached to a storage shed. In honor of how it all began we will play the basketball game of H.O.R.S.E outside on the portable rim located behind the fitness center building.

Intramural H.O.R.S.E. Tournament
Date: Monday, September 10th
Time: 6pm
Warm-ups: 5:30pm
Location:Portable Basketball Rim behind the Fitness Center (If it rains we will play in the gym)
Entry Deadline: 5:30pm September 10th

**Prize to the Winner
**To register or for more info stop by the Fitness Center

Viva Nicaragua!

New trip to Granada, Nicaragua, October 14 - 21, 2012.
TWO Orientations: Tuesday September 4th at 2:30 PM in SULB 321; and Wednesday September 5th at 3:30 PM in CLO 110.
Price of program including airfare: $1,300 Includes Lodging and three meals a day with a family.
- Airport transportation in Nicaragua
- Community Work and Lectures
- Tour of the city, orientation
- Trip to Lake Nicaragua Islands
- Trip to Masaya Market and Volcano visit
- Trip to Mombacho Volcano and Canopy
- Trip to Lake Apoyo
- Visit to San Juan del Sur Beach
Limited to 10 students!
Information available at the FLL department - Porter 209

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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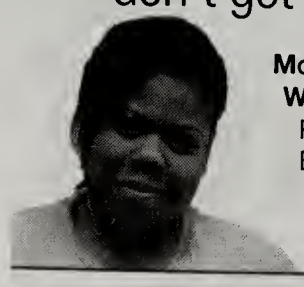

Morgan Walker
Photo Editor

In my experiences I've used my words to get what I want out of life. Usually it's because of a recommendation from someone I talk to or because I like to talk. Either way it usually comes back as a good thing for me because I'm not afraid to talk and ask for what I want or need.

I can give examples of this in every aspect of my life. For instance, when I was a freshman here at PUC I met this guy named Nathyn Gibson, who just like me enjoys talking. For you people that didn't get to meet him before he graduated you truly missed an era. Anyway, he asked me would I like to work for the student newspaper on campus. Of course I took the job and after a year or so I became photo editor and I've been here ever since he asked me that.

When I was a sophomore I was talking to a nice lady named Glenda that worked for Chartwells, and she gave me some advice about a program that helps minority students get farther in their education. This led me to becoming a part of the McNair program on campus. Being a part of McNair introduced me to other

In my experiences I've used my words to get what I want out of life.

talented and friendly scholars and administration that I can go so far as to call my friends and mentors. Also, all of you that know me know I have like eight jobs ... ok only three jobs but it feels like eight. Ninety percent of the jobs I've held over the years I got because of a recommendation from someone else or because of my conversation with someone.

Anyway, what I'm trying to say is that if you see something you want, or want to do, go for it. hopefully with your moral compass in hand and legal limitations in mind. Life is a fleeting thing we all have, and I think that if just talking to people or asking questions you may be scared to hear the answer to could possibly help you get closer to what you want or want to achieve or even earn yourself some cool friends or references, you should try it.

There are many things in this world that can possibly stop me from getting where or what I want, I refuse to let me not saying something be the reason I can't continue or have to take the long road to something that could've been avoided with a conversation.

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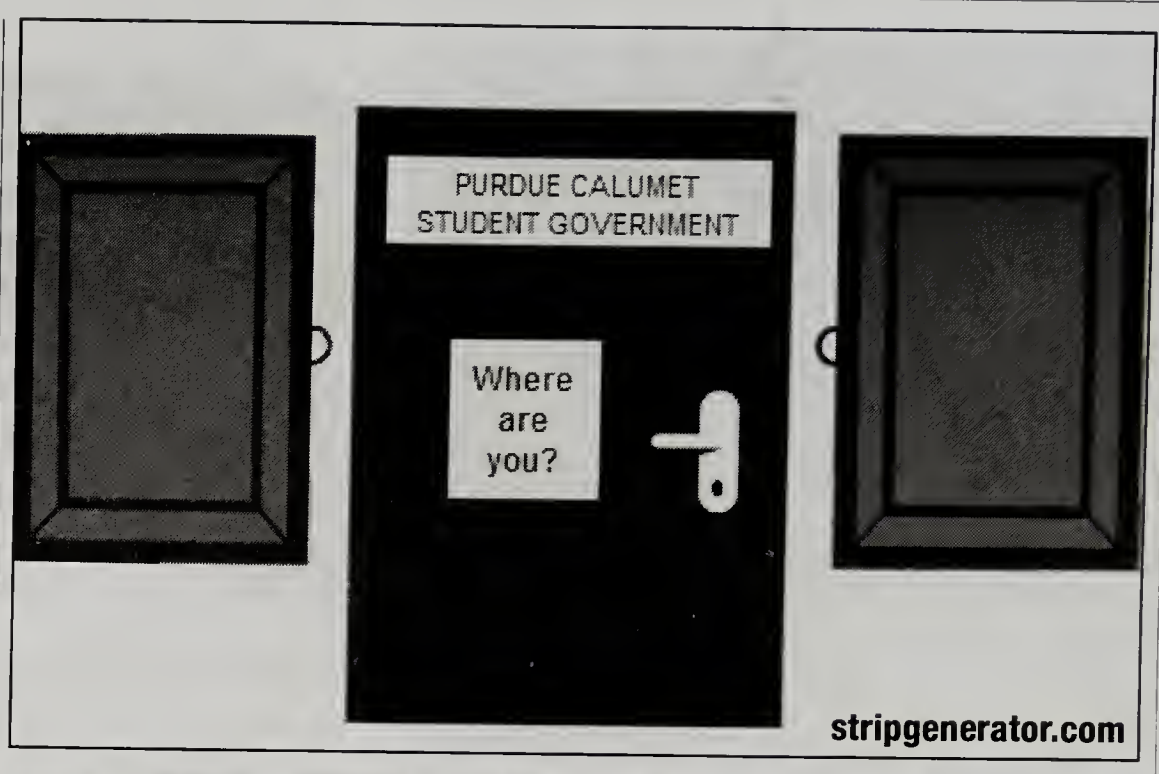

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Where is the SGA?

The issue: SGA members have been hard to find for a few weeks

Our stance: Students need their voices heard

It's been weeks since classes started, and it doesn't seem like everyone is off on the right foot.

The beginning of the academic year is the time for making impressions. Activity in student organizations is crucial for member recruitment and student support. This is the time that students are getting a basic understanding of their respective classes and assessing which will be tougher and which they can skip a few days of without losing letter grades. New students and old are looking for student organizations to be leaders on campus. They want someone to listen to them. People want their voices heard.

The Student Government Association is usually the place that those voices can be heard, and for the past few years they have been doing a substantial job at making positive changes for the campus community. If students don't see SGA members who are supposed to be leaders of PUC actively involved in the workings of campus life, they will lose much of the faith that previous SGA administrations have built up in the organization.

Last year, it was almost impossible to come up to the third floor of the SUL without seeing someone working in the SGA office. In the past few weeks, the opposite has been the case. It has been almost impossible to find someone in the SGA office to talk to, and the organization has not seemed very present on campus. At one point there were even hand-written signs on the office door asking, "Where are you?" and requesting that the SGA put signs with their office hours outside the door so students can find them. So far, there have been no hours posted. Though this is not a requirement, it would help.

Now, it is understandable that everyone is a bit sporadic with office hours at the beginning of the semester, especially when PUC started a week earlier than normal. Many members of SGA are new to their positions, including President Marisa Henderson. It is understandable that they may be overwhelmed with the workload, as well. However, a good impression is not being made on this new administration when it is extremely hard to contact them. This is the time when the new SGA administration needs to be strong and proving to the campus community that they are committed.

Just because it is the beginning of the school year doesn't mean there is less activity on campus. The SGA needs to be prominently displayed at all times as a symbol of student opinion, or student opinion may be forgotten. Students need to be able to feel that they can come to the SGA with issues and actually have something done about those issues. This doesn't happen when students cannot even find SGA members at PUC.

COMMENTS?

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The not-so-college life

Michelle Mullins
Entertainment Editor

Movies lie all the time. They say that people can defy gravity by launching motorcycles into helicopters. The life of a spy is dangerous and sexy. Prom is going to be the best night of your life. But college is even better. Parties, fun, flash mobs, the works. I'm a junior in college and have yet to see any of that going on here; maybe I need to start hanging out with a new crew. Regardless, they forget to tell you about the constant brawls that come into play. The disputes with the financial department. The long and vigorous nights of studying so much you can barely remember what you read two seconds ago. The numerous swears that spill out of your mouth toward an inanimate object, which will most likely be a computer or the campus server.

The movies constantly push that all the hard work will pay off in the end. The diploma in hand, the happiness showers in and then what? Possible unemployment? Constantly searching for a job and ending up empty handed? How about graduate school? That is almost as much, if not more expensive than, undergraduate studies.

Aim even higher by getting a degree.

Now, I'm not trying to discourage anyone. I'm just trying to bring to light the obvious problem with the perception people have of college. "You get in and you get out" isn't the best way to look at it. "You go in and party hard" isn't the best way either. Planning it so that you get the best knowledge in the most efficient amount of time you can for you degree is the best way to approach it. Figuring out where you need to be in the next year or two to land that internship is what you need to do. This isn't high school, even the "breeze" courses require picking up the book and actually reading it. The required course of English isn't just writing up some academic dribble. It's about finding hard evidence and resources as well as working hard to get that A or B.

So now general education courses are out of the way, and you need to buckle down and focus. You are closer to that goal than you were before. This is where you need to start networking so you will get that job in the end, instead of graduating and standing doe-eyed with a piece of paper in your hand.

"But Steve Jobs and Bill Gates didn't get college degrees and they are super successful."

You're right, but aim even higher by getting a degree.

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LaJenné Alcantar watches as her grandfather, Haki Madhubuti, is inducted as DePaul University's Ida B. Wells-Barnett University Professor.

now a junior with a double major in English literature and history.

"I'm not going to lie, I basically had a grudge at PUC for the first semester... but since then I've gotten a lot better. It's a lot easier when you find people that you like and that you're friends with," Alcantar said.

Alcantar is a McNair scholar, and she spent the summer working on a research project for the McNair program on women in the Black Panther party and their influence on the organization. She is in the editing process of her paper now and relieved that the bulk of the work is over.

"Even though it was a lot I am okay with it because it was a labor of love. I am obsessed with women, I'm obsessed with feminism, I love African American history, and my paper was everything about that. It's just 30 pages of love," Alcantar said.

Professor of Sociology Alan Spector and Akili Shakur, director of PUC's Boots to Books program, are Alcantar's mentors.

Alcantar is a part of the Social Justice Club, and she expresses extreme interest in the emergence of a feminist club on campus.

Alcantar loves good sushi, reading and watching documentaries.

Her reading list at the moment consists of "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoy, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" for her Nobel literature class, and "Ain't I A Woman?" by bell hooks.

"You have to make the university work for you. You're not going to have a college experience if you literally just go to class and go home," Alcantar said. "You've got to try. It's not just going to fall in your lap."

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thoughts about the moves since they first heard the plans.

"Faculty members, through the PUC faculty senate, have expressed grave concern about the decision-making process regarding office moves and the manner in which the decision was communicated to impacted faculty members," Lu said. "After the Senate meeting, I think communication was improved and efforts were made to accommodate many of our requests."

Lu said even though their offices were moved to Porter, most of their classrooms remain in Gyte and CLO.

"I personally do not mind walking around the campus and carrying all the stuff when I have classes back-to-back, but the department heads are in a better position to assess the collective impact of the move," Lu said. "One thing is sure though. I no longer run into my students like before because they tend to be in other buildings than Porter."

The nursing department also moved from Gyte Annex to the third floor of CLO. Consequently, the mathematics department offices remained on the same floor, but were resituated. Associate Professor of Mathematics John Coffey moved down the hall in CLO to Room 364 this summer.

"The hard part [about the move] was packing stuff and getting moved out," Coffey said. He added he found the move helpful because it allowed him to clean out things he no longer needed, such as his old calculus and statistics books, which he donated to charity.

"It was a good housekeeping experience for me," Coffey said.

Associate Director of Facilities Operations Karen Sullivan said there are no moves scheduled for any departments in the future. As for the future of the Gyte Annex, Grant said the goal is to replace it with a proposed Emerging Technologies Building. She said it is unknown when PUC will receive state funding necessary for the building.

Department	Old Location	New Location
Computer Information Technology & Graphics	Gyte 251	Anderson 145
Engineering Technology	Potter 121	Anderson 143
Foreign Languages & Literatures	Classroom Office 313	Porter Hall 209
Mathematics & Computer Sciences & Statistics	Classroom Office 315	Classroom Office 343
Chemistry & Physics	Gyte 257	Gyte 251
The School of Nursing	Gyte Annex 138	Classroom Office 316

POLICE BLOTTER

8.20.12 - PUC- 7:03 a.m.

Something caused a blackout at PUCPD and around campus.

Open

8.23.12 - SULB - 11 a.m.

Someone believed an employee had been drinking alcoholic beverage.

Open

8.24.12 - CLO - 11:02 p.m.

Notes are being posted on walls at two locations.

Closed

8.27.12 - UV2 - 10:08 p.m.

Police were called in reference to a visitor who had been given a No Trespass Order two years ago to see if it was still valid.

Open

8.28.12 - Gyte - 11:40 a.m.

Someone took an Ipad from a backpack in the women's restroom, and it was soon located in a different building.

Closed

8.29.12- Garage - 4:30 p.m.

A student hit a parked vehicle and left the scene.

Open

8.30.12 - UV1 - 1:44 a.m.

Complaint to a dorm room led to officers locating alcholic beverage.

Dean of Students

Biddings-Muro

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lor Thomas Keon said the administration would concentrate on filling Howard's position first.

"We have not, at this point in time, thought about doing a full search for that [vice chancellor of advancement] position." Keon said.

Regardless of the temporary nature of the interim position, Biddings-Muro is dedicated to working hard to further PUC and Keon's vision.

"He has expectations to build the relationships that will help us accomplish our strategic goals," Biddings-Muro said. "My sleeves are rolled up."

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Obama's 'daddy issues'

Michelle Mullins
Entertainment Editor

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Director D'Souza interviews George Obama, President Barak Obama's half brother, in '2016: Obama's America.'

In author-turned-documentarian Dinesh D'Souza's film "2016: Obama's America," many controversial issues, opinions and hypotheses are formed. When it comes to this type of documentary, one that is based solely on one-sided pseudo-facts and interviews with like-minded individuals, every aspect must be taken with a grain of salt. D'Souza takes a different approach to the "true nature" of President Barack Obama. Instead of thinking he is a terrorist or Muslim, he thinks he is an anti-colonialist — an accusation that could use some support.

The film is spoken from D'Souza's point-of-view and voice. He begins to speak about his life as a child in Mumbai, India, and how he used to read stories of empires around the world. He does not consider America an empire, he instead considers it something greater because almost all past empires have fallen.

Eventually he mentions his life in college, and then finally speaks about why he is so interested in Obama. He claims his interest has to do with their similarities throughout life. They were born in the same year, married in the same year and even graduated in the same year. As odd as this may be, he makes his point of how all previous presidents were known figures before they became presidents. Ronald Reagan was a movie star, whereas Obama was only a senator for two years. Where did he come from? To answer this question, D'Souza begins to search every possible aspect of Obama's past to figure out what he is trying to do today and what will happen if he gets re-elected.

D'Souza does bring up some odd behavior from Obama's first term. Giving a bust of Winston Churchill back to Britain, cancelling the Keystone Pipeline construction which could have given tons of Americans jobs, siding with Argentina when it came to the Falkland Islands instead of siding with Britain as in the past, and even ignoring Syria are all used to support D'Souza's claims. D'Souza does a decent job of backing up these allegations of mistakes Obama has made in his presidency by using actual clips from speeches he has made. Other than that, the film is pure speculation and based off of words White House officials allegedly said.

A lot of the ideas in the film stem from Obama's book "Dreams from My Father." D'Souza speculates that the main reason Obama acts the way he does is because of his father leaving him when he was a child. D'Souza even speaks to a psychologist about this, and he says that most children who are missing a parental figure in their life want to make it seem like they have a purpose. He goes on to speak to more politicians and speculates that Obama knows he is able to get people on his side very easily. According to D'Sourza, people always want to help him, which is why he got into the business in the first place.

D'Souza then begins to predict why Obama did certain things in his first term. He believes that, like his father, he wants to give to the poor and take from the rich, which is why he sides with the Occupy movement. He also wants the world to have fewer nuclear weapons so that the playing field can be equal. But he wants this to be done while all other countries feel the complete opposite. D'Souza predicts that in 2016, the Middle East will be united (with the title of the United States of Iran), and the United States' defenses will have reached an all-time low while debt will continue to grow past the trillion dollar mark. These remarks seem a bit outlandish and are presented without evidence, fueled only by the filmmaker's speculation.

Attempting to sway public opinion with a poorly-developed documentary based on a book written by the director almost seems like an episode of "The

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'Guild Wars 2' destroys the competition

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Entertainment Writer

In the world of massively multiplayer online games, no one has been able to topple the reigning king "World of Warcraft." Though many have tried, sooner or later they all fall to the behemoth. Some switch to a free-to-play model just to stay afloat, while others disappear altogether. Just when it seemed no one could stand toe-to-toe with "WoW," a new challenger appeared. ArenaNet's latest game, "Guild Wars 2" may still be in its infancy, but it is already shaping up to be a contender to the throne.

Having already developed a successful MMO in the original "Guild Wars," ArenaNet paid close attention to what the community wanted in a sequel. Between having open discussions with fans on their forums and running frequent beta test weekends, developers wanted to ensure the game exceeded players' expectations. Now that the game has been officially released, it is clear their hard work and attention to detail paid off. "Guild Wars 2" is an absolute joy to play, and it is impossible to put down.

Players begin by creating a character from one of the game's five playable races. From there they can choose one of eight professions, which determine what type of skills they will have access to. After answering a few questions about the character's personality and choosing a name, players are set loose in the beautiful world of Tyria to begin their adventure.

In addition to the typical human races, there are several well-designed and diverse races to choose from. The Sylvari are a noble and enlightened race of living plant beings, while the Charr are massive and imposing feline warriors. The Asura are tiny in size, but make up for it through cunning and science, while the Norns are towering brutes straight out of Norse mythology. Whichever race is chosen affects which part of the world players begin their story in. Fortunately, though, the game features convenient waypoints which can teleport players to other parts of the map for a small fee, meaning getting around in Tyria is a breeze.

The various professions do not stray too far from traditional MMO conventions. Players can choose to be a Warrior, Thief, Elementalist, Necromancer, Engineer, Mesmer, Ranger or Guardian. Each profession offers a unique set of skills and drastically different gameplay. Warriors prefer to get their hands bloody with close-quarters melee combat, while Elementalists typically hang back and use their mastery of the elements to attack from a distance. Engineers have access to guns and machinery to do their fighting, and Necromancers can resurrect fallen enemies and control them in battle. While none of the professions feel revolutionary, they are all equally fun to play, and offer quite a bit of variety.

Combat in "Guild Wars 2" is a breath of fresh air compared to the stale fighting in other MMOs. Rather than standing still and auto-attacking, players are encouraged (and in some situations required) to take advantage of their dodge ability. Double-tapping a directional key causes the character to dodge incoming attacks. Players can also attack while moving and jumping, something most MMOs do not allow. These simple things add a surprising amount of action and strategy to the combat and lead to a more fast-paced, action-oriented experience. Each profession is able to equip several styles of weapons that completely change their available skills. An Engineer using dual pistols will have access to different abilities than one using a rifle. This system allows players a massive list of abilities that can be swapped out depending on the situation.

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'Guild Wars 2' provides many interesting components that could knock 'World of Warcraft' off its pedestal.

Perhaps the biggest thing "Guild Wars 2" does right is the questing system. While the game features more traditional "go here and kill 10 of these things" quests, it introduces a system called "Dynamic Events." Dynamic Events are quests that randomly appear throughout the world, which can have a major impact on the game itself. A town could come under attack from invading bandits, and if players are not able to hold them off, the bandits will take over the town. Then, a new Dynamic Event may happen, requiring players to take back the town. Many Dynamic Events have multiple stages as well. Players could be tasked with escorting a non-playable character to a faraway town, only to find it under attack when they arrive. After the enemy has been beaten back, players may be asked to go and recover goods that have been stolen, only to find themselves in a battle with a massive world boss.

One thing worth mentioning is how "Guild Wars 2" greatly improves the experience of playing with other people. In many MMOs, having other players around often feels like bad thing. People will run in at the last minute and steal a kill or take loot they did not earn, denying it from the person who did. This is not a concern in "Guild Wars 2." Every collectable, from loot to crafting materials, is instanced. This means that as long as someone contributed to a fight, they earn experience and loot. Twenty people could play a part in killing one enemy, and, as long as they pulled their weight in the fight, they get rewarded afterward. This is such a simple and elegant solution to an infuriating problem, and it completely changes the atmosphere of fighting alongside other players. It no longer feels like players are competing against one another, but rather are helping each other succeed.

Despite the fact the game is only a few weeks old;, it is already remarkably polished and functional. New MMOs are notorious for their growing pains, but "Guild Wars 2" has shown very few cracks in its armor. With no monthly fee, a fresh combat system and stunning visuals and gameplay, "Guild Wars 2" is a serious contender. It may not reinvent the wheel, but it definitely makes for a smoother ride.

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Quirks work in Shepard's 'Hit and Run'

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Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star as lovers on the run in the action comedy "Hit and Run," but the show is stolen by two of their costars.

Shepard ("Parenthood") plays a man in the witness protection program who lives in a small town with his fiancee, Annie (Bell, "Veronica Mars"). He has also changed his name to "Charlie Bronson." When Annie lands her dream job, it unfortunately means she will have to move to Los Angeles, where Charlie testified against the men involved in a bank robbery. Charlie decides to relocate with her, despite the danger it could put them both in. Soon, the couple is pursued across the country by Annie's jealous ex-boyfriend (Michael Rosenbaum, "Smallville"), revengeful bank robber Alex (Bradley Cooper, "The Hangover"), and federal agent Randy (Tom Arnold, "True Lies"), whose job is to keep Charlie safe.

Shepard seems incredibly determined to show that he can do something besides act on a television series. Not only does he star, but he also wrote the screenplay, co-directed the film with David Palmer, and did his own stunt driving.

This movie only works on a guilty-pleasure level. It is filled with car-chase scenes and long bits of character-revealing dialogue, as if a 1970s Burt Reynolds film collided with a Kevin Smith movie. While Charlie and Annie are on the road, many revealing scenes take place showing how they are an amusing and interesting couple. In one such scene, Charlie explains his unusual name change to a surprised Annie in a humorous and engaging way. Thus, Shepard's writing works best when he allows the characters simply to talk to one another.

Not everything in his script works, however. Sometimes jokes fall flat because they are crude. On the other hand, Shepard uses clever plot twists to keep the film from quickly getting stale. The twists are contrived, but they add a goofy sense of fun to the mix. The direction, meanwhile, is strictly pedestrian. Routine chase scenes, although well-filmed, seem to exist just to fill time.

Each character has an oddity, which keep things quirky and interesting. Charlie is so obsessed with his souped-up car that it always seems to attract the unwanted attention of other males who like cars. Annie even asks him why she is in a car that seems to be a "dude magnet." Federal agent Randy tends to end up in recurring bizarre car accidents, and villain Alex is offended by a stranger feeding garbage to a dog.

While Shepard and Bell are definitely amusing leads, two of supporting actors steal their thunder. Cooper is a revelation as Alex. He is virtually unrecognizable with blond dreadlocks and sunglasses and seems glad to be freed from the straight-arrow characters he usually plays. He has created a memorable sleazeball character, which gives him the opportunity get down and dirty. The other scene stealer is Tom Arnold. Some of the movie's biggest laughs come from his nerdy and good–hearted, but bumbling and mishap-ridden, character. While Arnold has been an actor for some time, he has not had many of memorable roles since his appearance in "True Lies" in 1994. His portrayal of this character is one of his best.

"Hit and Run" is best seen as an updated 70s film, set for a slot in the nearest drive-in theater. With its collection of kooky characters, it is one of the better "popcorn" movies released lately.

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Obama

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Twilight Zone." It just does not make sense. Even when asked to state the basis of his opinions in an interview, he said he would but no reason is given except for the fact that Obama did not have his biological father while growing up and that he had a few socialist colleagues on his way up to the top. Associating every individual who has worked among a socialist, communist or otherwise "un-American" thinker with the movements that they represent is not an accurate judgment of a person's political affiliation. Apparently a socialist and a republican are not allowed to be colleagues in America.

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Rating System

★★★★★ ESSENTIAL
★★★★ EXCELLENT
★★★ AVERAGE
★★ POOR
★ AWFUL

Games this week

Volleyball:
Sept. 4 at Purdue North Central, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer:
Sept. 7 vs. Concordia, 12:00 p.m. (at Morton HS)

Women's Soccer:
Sept. 7 at Grace, 3:00 p.m.

Cross Country:
Sept. 7 at Midwest Classic, 5:45 p.m.

Women's soccer takes the pitch for first victory

Bill Koester
Sports Editor

The PUC women's soccer team notched the first win of their inaugural season, rising to 1-4 so far this year.

Like almost every program in its first year, the team has shown its inexperience in competition. The team dropped their first two games, allowing six goals in each and getting shut out in the second game.

However, the team has not been letting losses get them down and is ever-focused on building a strong future.

"We're still learning each other," Head Coach Leslie Ferguson said. "We're starting to get better. You got to stay positive."

The team held its first official home match on Aug. 30 against Davenport. It was a home-away-from-home contest, as the game was held at Munster High School (the team will have no set home field during this season). Still, the match drew a decent number of PUC faithfuls.

Davenport scored first in the 25th minute, then scored again 11 seconds later. PUC measured up well to their opponents, however, and kept pace with them on defense in the first half.

The second half saw Davenport score 4 goals to pull away. Like in the first half, two goals were scored in less than a minute on two occasions.

Despite the loss, PUC played Davenport closer than a 6-0 final suggested. Several shots that could have scored sailed just wide or over the goal, while one seemingly-clear shot opportunity was denied at the last second by a goaltender-induced trip. Just inches could have eluded the shutout and maybe turned the game around.

"It might have sparked something," Ferguson said.

Goals or no goals, the team still saw things they liked on the pitch.

"We were able to hold them [in the first half]," forward Maxine Rossler said. "We just got to learn to do it for a whole game. We got some good possessions, too."

The team played in the Crimson Wave Tournament in Schererville over the weekend against Mt. Mercy College on Sept. 1.

The match was tied 1-1 at halftime, but Mercy scored three in the second half to win.

PUC then played Calumet College of Saint Joseph the next day. Down 2-1 at the half, the team rallied behind goals from forward Kirsten Nirtaut (her second of the game) to tie it and Rossler to go ahead. The team got its first taste of victory by a score of 3-2.

The team takes the pitch again at Winona Lake, taking on Grace on Sept. 7.

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University Northwest in their first home match of the season.

The first set started close, eventually tied at 8-8, until PUC went on a run to make it 18-8. IUN closed the gap a bit, but PUC still had enough to win 25-18.

The second set was a close one as well, with IUN spending most of the time up by a few points. PUC came close but never caught up, dropping the set 25-22 and tying things up.

PUC responded strongly in the third set, winning by a dominant 25-11. IUN tried to counter in the fourth but was just no match for the surging PUC ladies, who won the set 25-14, and with it the match.

The game saw some incredible volleys, in which players made incredible moves to keep the ball off of the floor. Most of these went in PUC's favor. The team attributes this skill to good communication on the court during all the action.

"We did a lot of talking toward the end [after the second set]," Yoder said. "It helps us tremendously." Yoder led the team with five blocks.

The team takes on Purdue North Central on Sept. 4. They return home to face Trinity Christian on Sept. 11.

Photo: Jessica Calhoun
Maria Frebis (10) prepares to strike the ball during PUC's Aug. 29 match against IUN.

Photo: Jessica Calhoun
LaTianna Harris (11) and Jordin Ashburn (7) leap to prevent an IUN spike.

Volleyball brings home a win

Photo: Jessica Calhoun

PUC and IUN shake hands after the match.

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IUN players attempt to counter a PUC spike.

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Sports Editor

The PUC women's volleyball team notched a win in their home opener on Aug. 29.

The team, now in its third year, struggled during its first two seasons, facing a lot of the inexperience and growing pains that a new program faces. The players are hoping to put those first few seasons behind them, taking them as a learning experience, and move forward with a newfound optimism.

"We got a bright future ahead of us," outside hitter Catherine Yoder said.

The team started the season at the Illinois Tech Kickoff tournament on Aug. 24 and 25. The team dropped three matches by 3-1, 3-0 and 3-0 and was thus forced to forfeit a fourth match.

After the tournament, however, the team pulled it together.

The team traveled to IU Kokomo on Aug. 28 and played a close match. They won the first set 25-23, but were beaten in the second 25-15. They regrouped in the third set for a decisive 25-15 win.

In the fourth set, their opponents won 25-18 to tie things up again. In a close fifth set, PUC pulled a 15-13 win, taking it and the match for their first win of the season.

PUC returned to Hammond the next night, taking on Indiana

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